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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) Japan 5-101220
- (2) Japan 6-301822
- (3) Japan 9-167206

Reference (1) is discussed in the specification at page 2, line 26, to page 3, line 17, and at page 4, lines 11 to 20, reference (3) is discussed in the specification at page 3, line 21, to page 4, line 1, and at page 4, lines 21 to 27, and reference (2) is discussed in the specification at page 4, lines 5 to 9, and page 5, lines 1 to 3. These references might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

An English-language abstract for each of the above-listed Japanese documents has been located and is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office

Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety
and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the
claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information
has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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